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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD AMERICAN FIRMS

1. CONSULATE GENERAL RECEIVED LETTER ON 22 DECEMBER FROM AMERICAN BOGNER CORPORATION (345 FOURTH STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94107, PHONE (415 392-0745) CONCERNING LEGALITY OF OPERATION OF FIRM CALLING ITSELF (A.T.T.) (AMERICAN TELEX TELECOMMUNICATION) WITH RETURN ADDRESS OF CANDA HOUSE, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND. A.T.T. OFFERS WORLD WIDE DIRECTORY SERVICE FOR AMERICAN TELEX SUBSCRIBERS FOR WHICH IT CHARGES DOLLARS 195. TERMS ARE PRINTED VERY FAINTLY ON REVERSE AND CARD LOOKS LIKE AN INVOICE.
2. DECEMBER 22 BELFAST IRISH NEWS STATES THAT CURRENT ISSUE NEWSWEEK (NOT YET RECEIVED AT POST) DESCRIBES FIRM'S OPERATION AS AN "ILLEGAL MAIL SCHEME" AIMED AT U.S. FIRMS AND THAT U.S. POSTAL AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THE OPERATION AND ARE PRESUMABLY TAKING STEPS TO CURB IT. BELFAST NEWS LETTER DEC. 22 ALSO CARRIED FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE.
3. RETURN BILL ADDRESS SHOWS FIRM MAINTAINING ACCOUNT AT UNCLASSIFIED

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BANK OF IRELAND 62 HIGH STREET, BELFAST. R.M. GILLESPIE,

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT BANK OF IRELAND, HAS INFORMED CONGEN THAT BANK HAD SUSPECTED LEGALITY OF THIS OPERATION FOR SOME TIME AND HAS NOT CLEARED ANY CHECK SENT DIRECTLY TO THEM OR OFFERED FOR DEPOSIT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF A.T.T. BANK SUSPECTS HOWEVER, THAT SOME CHCECKS MAY HAVE BEEN SENT DIRECTLY TO FIRM RATHER THAN TO BANK AND SOME MAY HAVE BEEN CLEARED WITH OTHER BANKS. GILLESPIE NOT SURE OF AMOUNT SO FAR THOUGH IS ARARE OF AT LEAST DOLLARS 10,000 IN CHECKS AND GUESSES THAT FIRM ITSELF MAY HAVE RECEIVED "FIVE TO TEN TIMES THIS AMOUNT." GILLESPIE UNWILLING TO PROVIDE CONGEN NAME OF INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED BUT STATES THAT AS SOON AS BANK LAWYERS CLEAR IT WITH MAIN OFFICE NAME WILL BE TURNED OVER TO BANK'S NEW YORK OFFICE FOR FORWARDING TO U.S. POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

4. COMMERCE REQUESTED PASS INFO TO BOGNER CORPORATION.
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